

Qualifying LO Substitution Phase Noise Improvements

Today's communication systems (e.g., 5G and Wi-Fi) utilize high order modulation to achieve high data throughput. Higher throughput requires faster clock rates, which can increase symbol errors. A potential source of these errors is phase noise from the existing local oscillator (LO).

A low phase noise synthesizer signal can be used as an LO substitute to see if a reduction in symbol errors is





16 QAM with a poor phase noise LO

16 QAM with a low phase noise LO

possible. Using a high-performance phase noise analyzer, engineers can measure the phase noise improvement directly to find a suitable replacement LO.

This demonstration highlights the capabilities of the Maury Microwave HSX9000A series of multi-channel RF synthesizers with the ULN ultra-low phase noise option as an ideal LO substitute, as well as the Maury Microwave HA7062 series for real-time phase noise measurements.

Demo Setup



Target Users

Target users include design engineers and technicians engaged in design, verification, and troubleshooting of RF and microwave communication systems.



Product Overview

HSX9000A Series Multi-Channel RF Synthesizers

The HSX Series RF synthesizers of the Holzworth product line offer industry-leading phase noise and spectral purity as a multi-channel CW signal source. The compact 1U chassis allows up to 4 independently tunable channels (frequency / phase offset / amplitude) to optimize channel density within test system racks with limited space. Application-specific frequency options can be configured to cover combinations of 10 MHz to 3 GHz, 6 GHz, 12 GHz, 20 GHz, and 40 GHz. Each channel output provides accurate power levels from -110 dBm up to +18 dBm. Its unique multi-loop architecture provides the ultimate in frequency accuracy, channel-to-channel stability, and phase coherency.

KEY SPECIFICATIONS AND FEATURES:

- Up to 4 independently controlled phase coherent channels
- Ultra-low phase noise (ULN) option available
- Mix or match 3, 6, 12, 20, and 40 GHz channels
- 40 GHz phase noise: -115 dBc/Hz 10 kHz offset (low close-in phase noise option)
- Compact 1U form factor
- +18 dBm to -110 dBm

HA7062C and HA7062D Real-Time Phase Noise Analyzers

The Holzworth product line real-time phase noise analyzers (HA7062C and HA7062D) offer a unique combination of accuracy, speed, flexibility, and reliability in a compact form factor. Control is easy through an intuitive GUI or simple remote commands. This makes them ideal for use in the lab and production.

KEY SPECIFICATIONS AND FEATURES:

- DUT input: 10 MHz to 6 GHz, 26 GHz, opt 40 GHz
- Measurement bandwidth: 0.1 Hz to 100 MHz
- Automated absolute and additive (residual) measurements
- Only analyzer available that allows actual noise floor measurements
- Real-time cross correlation
- Extremely fast measurement speeds

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